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1. Greece

The new government is anxious to be accepted by its NATO allies. In talks with Americans, high officials have underscored their pro-US position, and the new foreign minister lost no time in accepting an invitation to Adenauer's funeral.

The King is still bitter about the coup, but yesterday he met with one of its leaders. [redacted]

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The coup in Athens has created some uneasiness on Cyprus where Greek Cypriots in particular are not quite sure what may come next.

2. South Vietnam

Voters have now gone to the polls in 900 of the approximately 1,000 villages scheduled to elect their officials this spring. Total turnout so far has been 77 percent of those registered. Viet Cong harassment was light during the latest polling last Sunday.

3. Soviet Union

The ill-fated flight of Soyuz-1 is a serious setback to the Soviet manned space program. The Russians are not likely to risk another cosmonaut fatality until they have made a detailed investigation of the disaster and corrected the technical difficulties that plagued Colonel Komarov's entire mission. Damage to the capsule will hamper such investigations.

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4. Communist China

Chinese leadership below Mao Tse-tung, Lin Piao, and Chou En-lai has been changed drastically in the past month.

Leaders in current favor turned out for a rally on 20 April and again with Mao and Lin yesterday. Five important politburo members are missing, including Foreign Minister Chen Yi. Lin Piao's wife showed up at the rally along with Madame Mao, the perennial harriidan of the Cultural Revolution.

The belated entry of these ladies into public life--both had been seldom seen and never heard before last year--suggests they are useful representatives at meetings their husbands do not care to attend.

Outside Peking, there is continued evidence of economic dislocation, although not on the scale that we saw in January.

5. Indonesia

Relations between Djakarta and Peking took another nose dive yesterday, but neither country seems willing to be the one to break diplomatic ties entirely. Charging that the Chinese Embassy had organized antigovernment demonstrations, the Indonesians threw the two most senior Chinese diplomats out of the country. Within hours Peking repaid in kind.

6. Bolivia

Bolivian troops have scored their first victories against the guerrillas. Twice last week army patrols hit guerrilla bands, inflicting casualties and taking prisoners. Several foreign nationals were captured

These recent victories should help pump up Bolivian army morale.

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